(b) and (c) The State Govt, of Orissa has submitted the proposals for availing a total financial assistance of Rs. 1112.50 crores for repairs/reconstruction of houses damaged by cyclone which has been approved by HUDCO.

(d) Does not arise.

Night shelter and sanitation facility for urban footpath dwellers

1193. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 202 given in Rajya Sabha on 13th December, 1999 and state:

(a) the details of the Central Sector Schemes under night shelter and sanitation facility for urban footpath dwellers;

(b) by when it will be implemented in different parts of the country;

(c) whether some State Governments have shown any interest; and

(d) if so, the names of such States, particularly details about the State of Rajasthan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) With a view to ameliorating the hardships being faced by the urban footpath dwellers in metropolitan cities/towns, a Central Sector scheme named Night Shelter and Sanitation Facilities to Footpath Dwellers in Urban Areas is in operation since 1988-89. The Scheme was further modified in August, 1992. The Scheme is to be implemented by the State Governments or local municipal bodies or other State sponsored/recommended agencies.

The Scheme has the following, components:

(i) Construction of community night shelters with community toilets and baths. Under this component a Central subsidy amounting to Rs. 1000/and HUDCO loan of Rs. 4000/-is being provided.

(ii) Construction only of community pay and use toilets/baths for the homeless. Under this component a Central Subsidy amounting to Rs. 350/-per user per seat is being given.

The Scheme is already under implementation.

(c) and (d) A few State Governments like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Chandigarh have shown interest in the Scheme. As per the information received so far 17 Schemes have been received/sanctioned by HUDCO during 1992-93 to Rajasthan envisaging construction of 1219 beds, 927 W.C., 461 Bath and 286 Urinals. Out of this, 922 beds have been completed. 162 beds are under progress. The remaining beds, W.C., baths and Urinals have not yet been taken up for construction.

Further details of these 17 schemes are as follows:—

	(Rupees in lakhs'
Project Cost	642.65
Loan amount	57.04
Central subsidy sanctioned	230.69
Central subsidy released	29.65

People without housing in India

1194. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in India without adequate housing facilities; and

(b) what steps do Government contemplate to provide this essential requirement to all citizens?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDS A): (a) As per the projections made by the Working Group for the 9th Plan a total of 16.76 million units would have to be constructed in the urban areas during the 9th Plan period for covering housing shortage.

(b) The Government through the National Agenda for Governance have declared Housing for All as a priority area and has decided to focus on the housing needs of citizens in general and that of the poor and the deprived in particular. Towards this end, the Agenda sets a target of construction of additional 2 million houses (7 lakh in Urban areas and 13 lakh in Rural areas) every year. The target was proposed to be achieved by adopting a four-pronged strategy as follows: